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TAGS: PFOR, GW, WB

SUBJECT: PROPOSED JOINT MEETING IN BERLIN OF BUNDESTAG INNER-  
GERMAN AFFAIRS AND SPORTS COMMITTEES

REF:

A. BONN 13864

B. BERLIN 1607, AUG 12, 1971

1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY CONCLUSION THAT PLANNED JOINT  
MEETING OF BUNDESTAG INNER-GERMAN AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER INTER ALIA SOME BERLIN-RELATED  
SUBJECTS FALLS WITHIN "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT." AS WE  
READ RECOND OF AUGUST 11 MEETING, WHERE SUBJECT OF  
MULTIPLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WAS ADDRESSED, IT WOULD  
SEE CLEAR THAT IT WAS THE INTENT OF WESTERN  
AMBASSADORS THAT SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS OF TWO COMMITTEES  
ON SAME SUBJECT MATTER COULD BE HELD WHERE APPROPRIATE.

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(IN THIS CONTEXT, WE BELIEVE PARA 17, REF B, MUST

BE READ TOGETHER WITH PARA 16). EXAMPLE OF FINANCE  
AND BUDGET COMMITTEES MEETING AT SAME TIME MENTIONED  
BY AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN  
ILLUSTRATIVE AND NOT DEFINITIVE.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEES OF BUNDESTAG  
AND BUNDESRAT HAVE MET SIMULTANEOUSLY (BONN 15946,  
DEC 24, 1971) AND IT WAS ALLIED INTENTION TO GO  
ALONG WITH SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS OF BUDGET AND INNER-  
GERMAN COMMITTEES OF BUNDESTAG, EVEN THOUGH THEY  
DID NOT COME OFF (BONN 13219, OCT. 23, 1971). ONLY  
"FIRST" WE SEE IN PRESENT PROPOSAL IS "JOINT", AS OPPOSED TO  
"SIMULTANEOUS" MEETING ON SAME SUBJECT, A DISTINCTION WHICH  
DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BY THE AMBASSADORS  
WHEN ABRASIMOV ENTERED INTO GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT.  
JOINT MEETINGS WOULD , HOWEVER APPEAR FULLY TO CONFORM WITH  
SPIRIT OF THEIR UNDERSTANDING.KLEIN

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